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Till Lindemann and industrial metal band Rammstein burned up the MTS Centre on Thursday night. The German powerhouse wraps up the Canadian stops of its Made in Germany 1995-2011 tour in Vancouver Sunday night. See more photos at metronews.ca/winnipeg. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Certificate program

New building-permit rule worries architects

Concerns raised by architects over a new $2-million insurance-coverage requirement has the City of Winnipeg taking another look at its revamped building permit strategy.

"We are aware and we are continuing to work with (the architects)," said Pam Sveinson, manager of special projects for the City of Winnipeg.

The city's Building Permit Strategy and Action Plan, which came into effect on April 30, was created to deal with the backlog of requests for building permits.

The strategy developed a new "Optional Professional Certificate Program" that reduces "permit-issuance and inspection-processing times while maintaining a high degree of building code and bylaw compliance," according to City of Winnipeg documents.

However, this new program also requires a higher level of insurance coverage, which is what the Manitoba Association of Architects (MAA) is concerned about.

"The city is putting more and more responsibility on the professionals," said David Kressock, first vice-president of the MAA.

"In concept we're fine with that, but the concern is the wording in the certificate."

Sveinson said the city is meeting with MAA representatives this week.

Adam Pawlikewich, president of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba, said most engineering firms already carry more insurance, so this new optional program won't affect as many of his members as the MAA's.

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A model downtown

Architecture students from the U of M unveiled a 3-D model of downtown Winnipeg featuring new buildings they've designed for a downtown neighbourhood. The model will be on display for the next two weeks on the second floor of Portage Place Mall near the skywalk at Portage Avenue and Carlton Street. From left are student Adam Dubyna, associate professor Dr. Richard Milgrom, and students Melissa Neirinck, Danielle Loeb and Adam Watson. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Advocate angry over case of cop who abused kids

Police officer. Guilty of assaulting women, girls

An advocate for abused children says she is angered by the case of a former Winnipeg police officer who pleaded guilty to 12 sexual-assault and assault charges involving women and girls.

Rosalind Prober of Beyond Borders says Richard Dow deserves no sympathy.

She says it's bad enough that a police officer was abusing women, but it's even worse that he preyed on children after telling them he was an officer.

Court was told that Dow persuaded young women and girls to model for his off-duty photography business, then assaulted them.

Dow, 57, had originally pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting 20 females, five of whom were under 18.

But on Tuesday he pleaded guilty to just 12 counts — the rest of the charges were stayed.

The case has also drawn comment from Greg Gilhooly, one of the junior hockey players who accused former coach Graham James of sexual assault.

James was convicted of assaulting players including former NHLers Sheldon Kennedy and Theo Fleury, but the charges involving Gilhooly were stayed.

"You don't come forward thinking your case is going to be dropped and when it is, you feel like you've been shortchanged," said Gilhooly from his home in Toronto.

He said even though some of the women's claims won't be heard, they should still feel they had an impact on Dow pleading guilty.

"In my case, there wasn't a conviction but Graham James still went to jail and that's the important thing for people to remember — the more people come forward the more people will go to jail."

The Crown is asking for jail time, while Dow's lawyers want house arrest.

A judge will decide in August. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stolen. One pink truck

This truck was stolen and used to steal from a local business. CONTRIBUTED/WPS

Winnipeg police said a pink flatbed truck was stolen by a couple of thieves who then used it to steal other things.

On May 5, a pink 1989 Ford F450 Flatbed tow truck was swiped from a locked compound on Munro Avenue. The truck was then used in a break-in at a business on Dugald Road. The thieves loaded a utility machine onto the truck and drove away.

On May 7, the truck was found abandoned on Inkster Boulevard near Brookside Boulevard.

Police are asking anyone with information to come forward. METRO

Library evacuated after threat

Winnipeg police say a threat call forced the emergency evacuation of the Millennium Library Thursday around 9:45 a.m. Police wouldn't confirm what type of threat was received at the library, or whether it had been resolved shortly before noon, but they did say officers continue to investigate. A security guard at the front door told Metro he couldn't say what happened, but did mention the "threat level" had gone from "red alert to yellow" by around 11:15 a.m. Witnesses on the scene said as many as 10 police cars had originally come to the building but only two remained parked out front about an hour later. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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On the web

Modern-day Crusoe

Modern-day homestead or survival game? An Anchorage, Alaska, oil employee/filmmaker is heading to a nearly deserted island for one year with nothing but his dog as a sidekick. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The jury's out on whether it's breastfeeding at its best or parenting at its worst. Either way, it's an image that has tongues wagging. A controversial Time magazine cover photo is going viral, and people across the globe, Canadians included, are voicing their opinions. Scan the code for the story.

Winnipeg's Giveaway Weekend

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Fundraiser. CancerCare needs more participants for fifth annual walk

CancerCare Manitoba is looking for a few good men and women to help make sure its Challenge for Life walk is successful once again this year.

The foundation needs another 100 walkers to sign up for the challenge so the fundraising power of the walk isn't compromised.

"This is serious money for a serious cause," said executive director Annitta Stenning.

Participants of the fifth annual walk will each raise $1,000 before taking a 20-kilometre stroll to support CancerCare Manitoba.

The walk starts June 9 at 8:30 a.m. and begins and ends at Assiniboine Park.

The walk has brought in $3.5 million since 2008. For more information go to challengeforlife.ca or call 927-LIFE. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Manitoba's newest doctors

More than 100 students graduated from the University of Manitoba's medical program on Thursday. The newly minted doctors celebrated Thursday morning in the Brodie Centre atrium. DAN GWOZDZ/FOR METRO

Jets may be back in town, but Goldeyes are as popular as ever

Loyal fans. Last season, team had top attendance in independent baseball, averaging 5,740 fans per game

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Shaw Park is like a mini-major-league ballpark, according to returning Goldeyes pitcher Chris Salamida. CONTRIBUTED/WINNIPEG GOLDEYES

The Winnipeg Goldeyes have been one of the most successful teams in independent baseball since they showed up in 1994, and their play-by-play broadcaster Paul Edmonds thinks some of that is due to the fact they got here around the same time the Winnipeg Jets were leaving.

"The Jets leaving left a bad taste in everybody's mouth about million-dollar athletes, and here were these guys playing for $800 a month," said Edmonds. "It was easy to support."

Edmonds also credits the culture in Winnipeg and the work of Mayor Sam Katz for the success of the franchise.

"There were days in the corner of that old football stadium when I wondered if this would work, but when the new park got built it just cemented everything."

Edmonds says the Goldeyes front office was initially worried when the Jets returned in 2011, but thinks it has actually helped the franchise. "We now have three strong franchises that we support," he said.

Edmonds believes there is one thing the Goldeyes can give the fans for their years of support. "It's more than fair to say that the organization owes the fans a championship," he said.

Last season the Goldeyes had the top attendance in independent baseball, averaging 5,740 fans a game, and returning pitcher Chris Salamida says that support is one of the reasons he loves playing baseball in Winnipeg.

"The fans in Winnipeg are unreal," he said. "The amount of fans that we get to each game is huge. It really is like a mini-major-league ballpark."

Drug bust

Cops seize crystal meth, arrest two men after ongoing investigation

Two kilograms of crystal meth are off the streets after an ongoing police investigation led to the arrest of two men last Friday.

Members of the police's organized-crime unit pulled over a car with two male occupants around 9:30 p.m. and found the methamphetamine with a street value of approximately $100,000 and a small amount of pharmaceutical drugs.

Search warrants were then executed at two downtown locations, where more drug paraphernalia were found.

A 29-year-old man has been charged with two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a drug substance, and possession of proceeds of crime.

Another 33-year-old was also arrested and charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

Both men have been detained in custody. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

VAN HALEN, ICONIC ART AND WHITE SANGRIA

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Friday is the day I most look forward to every week, since it results in seeing friends and enjoying my new fave summertime drink — white sangria. It's seriously delicious. I even own stock.

If you are the schmoozing type, or someone who likes taking full advantage of cheap-drink specials, then perhaps you'll be attending Opera Lounge's new Schmooze Friday's. It's new to Winnipeg but I suggest checking it out tonight as local artist Celeste Christie will be showcasing her abstract yet scenic paintings. Add a $3 glass of wine and schmoozing will inspire you to take a much-needed break from social media. And it's not such a bad way to spend the early part of your Friday evening — gulp!

As always, there's a lot to do in the 'Peg this week:

Dance the night away: American rock band Van Halen hits the stage at the MTS Centre on Sunday, which is a show I will be checking out.

Their latest album, A Different Kind of Truth, is the band's 12th — more importantly, it's David Lee Roth's first album after his 28-year hiatus from the group ended. They have not released an album in 14 years, which boggles my mind as they kill music charts time after time. I'll leave the big, '80s lacquered hair at home. Promise.

What's going on in the 'Peg?

"American rock band Van Halen hits the stage at the MTS Centre on Sunday, which is a show I will be checking out. Their latest album ... (is) David Lee Roth's first album after his 28-year hiatus from the group."

The Black-Eyed Keys: Van Halen is warming up the stage, because the following night the Black Keys return to Winnipeg. Drum roll, anyone? The college-dropout duo has sold millions of albums — don't try this at home, kids.

The garage grunge pair has amped up the "rock" in their latest album, El Camino. If you had a sour taste in your mouth after first hearing their debut album in 2002, I suggest you give them another listen as their first effort was recorded in mama's basement. Needless to say, their sound has evolved.

Canadian gothic: Even non-art lovers will love seeing majestic paintings from one of the most iconic North American artists, Norman Rockwell. His paintings are famous for cleverly depicting our changing society in the small nuances of ordinary people in everyday life.

What's fantastic about Rockwell's work is that you don't need to bring your Art For Dummies handbook, because these are paintings that help you connect with what is going on in your life or the world around you. This exhibit kicked off Tuesday, but you can check it out until May 20 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

But back to me: Anyone out there planning a wedding? I'm finding it challenging planning a wedding and maintaining my life and career. If you have any tips, send me a note! #TGIHAWP — in English, thank goodness I have a wedding planner! Check her out at mywaywithstyle.com. I am taking advice from Dragons' Den guru Kevin O'Leary when it comes to my wedding: "Go big or go home, baby.... Make it one everyone remembers!" And I shall do just that ...

Dragons' Den's Kevin O'Leary with Meghan Duffy on the set of ABC's Shark Tank in Los Angeles. CONTRIBUTED

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These messages are just two of thousands that have been received by the TJ's Gift Foundation. These responses are from regular kids, just like our son. TJ had plans for his future, but they were lost because of drug involvement, and eventually, his murder. The TJ's Gift Foundation funds schools throughout Manitoba that are involved in peer-led drug education projects. Kids teaching kids. The Foundation also hosts several other events, such as the "Rockin for Choices Concert" at the MTS Centre, where 3,500 kids attended, the "Battle of the Bands" and the "Soaring Eagles Conference".

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Old Market Square. Park occupation first this year

And the occupation resumed ... for one night, at least.

For the first time since being evicted from Memorial Park last December, Occupy Winnipeg as of press time was planning to camp overnight on public land Thursday.

A Facebook event created last week invited people to a 7 p.m. general-assembly meeting at Mondragón Bookstore & Coffeehouse, after which tents, sleeping bags, signs and food would occupy the Old Market Square "even for just one night."

"Do we have an agenda? Anything specific we want to be asking for/demanding?" was a question posted by one Facebook user on the "Occupy Old Market Square & General Assembly" event page.

"Your agenda is our agenda ;)" was the answer from the Occupy Winnipeg Facebook profile.

The general assembly is a chance to reach new people and "set the tone for the future and see what people want to focus on," occupier Pam Godin said Thursday afternoon.

The overnight tenting is meant to boost morale and "use our right to protest and see what happens," said Godin.

Godin, who lives in an "occupy house" with two other OW members, said she would use the Thursday meeting to introduce "Inter-occupy Canada" to the local group — an organization she said is seeking to create a Canada-wide structure to help co-ordinate actions and goals for all Canadian occupy groups.

SEAN LEDWICH/FOR METRO

Jessie Singer, one of the organizers of Thursday's occupation, talks to media at Old Market Square before tents were slated to go up. SEAN LEDWICH/FOR METRO

Ex-premier to hang in legislative building

A new portrait of ex-premier Gary Doer was unveiled at the Manitoba Legislative Building Thursday. "Considering what (the artist) had to work with, I think he did a good job," Doer joked at the unveiling. Doer spoke fondly of his years in Manitoba, saying "I loved being premier and I am really honoured to have had the job. DAVID BAXTER/FOR METRO

Liberals to ponder merger with Greens

Politics. Manitoba's Liberals to discuss creating a coalition and choosing a replacement for Jon Gerrard as leader of the crippled party

Manitoba's battered Liberal party will try to map out its future at its annual meeting this weekend, including a possible merger with the Green party.

The Liberals are expected to select the fall of 2013 as the date to elect a new leader to replace Jon Gerrard, who announced his intention to resign after last fall's election.

The election saw the party reduced to just one legislature seat — Gerrard's — and prompted Gerrard and some other Liberals to talk about a possible merger with the seatless Green party.

But earlier this year, Liberal directors quashed the idea of a merger and suspended two board members who had revealed internal discussions about the idea.

A resolution to be debated this weekend calls for the Liberals and Greens to work co-operatively on some topics.

The resolution also calls for a plebiscite on the merger idea, because it has not been put to grassroots members so far. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Events. Park safe, or risk getting towed: Paramedics

In an effort to help emergency responders do their job more effectively, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the Winnipeg Parking Authority are asking citizens not to park illegally when attending large events like neighbourhood garage sales.

Beginning this weekend, staff from both the fire paramedic service and the parking authority will attend community events in an effort to educate citizens about the dangers of parking in illegal situations.

Following the campaign, vehicles that are parked illegally will be subject to ticketing or towing under the provisions of the fire-prevention bylaw and the parking bylaw.

DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

'Down-to-earth' prices

City sells compost bins below cost

The City of Winnipeg is hosting a one-day compost-bin sale this weekend and it is letting the bins go at "down-to-earth" prices.

Earth Machine compost bins, valued at $100 each, will be sold for just $30 each.

Rain Barrels valued at $120 each will also be available for $50.

The sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday at Garden City Shopping Centre at 2305 McPhillips St., Polo Park Shopping Centre at 1485 Portage Ave., Toys R Us at 1560 Regent Ave. W. and the St. Vital Centennial Arena at 580 St. Anne's Rd.

For more information about the one-day sale, call 311.

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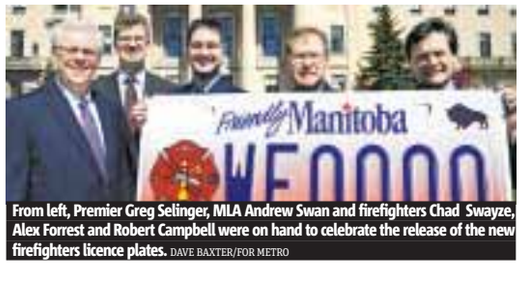
These plates are smokin' hot



From left, Premier Greg Selinger, MLA Andrew Swan and firefighters Chad Swayze, Alex Forrest and Robert Campbell were on hand to celebrate the release of the new firefighters licence plates. DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

When a tragedy strikes, Manitoba citizens will now have another way to identify firefighters, thanks to specialty firefighter licence plates that were unveiled at the Manitoba legislature Thursday.

The plates, available to all Manitoba firefighters, are a distinctive red colour and will feature the phrase "Serving Our Community." MLA Andrew Swan said the plates are important to the firefighting community and the citizens of Manitoba for a number of reasons.

"I think they are very distinctive and it will help with identification of firefighters," said Swan. "This will help across the province.

"It will help all firefighters show their pride while also helping Manitobans."

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Hockey. MacLean takes flack for 9-11 comment

For once, Don Cherry isn't in the hot seat over what he said on Hockey Night In Canada.

Instead it's his longtime on-air companion Ron MacLean, who sparked controversy when he compared players to 9-11 first responders prior to Wednesday's playoff game between New York and Washington.

At the start of the broadcast, MacLean notes that the two cities were united by the tragedy of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He says it is "crazy to compare what the emergency responders did during that time, but a spirit has to start somewhere."

He then goes on to say you "can't help but be struck by the players and the way they've played these games.

"They are like police officers, they are like firefighters. You can't fight fire with ego. The pain these men have faced, the price they keep on paying, the hearts they keep on lifting."

MacLean and the CBC issued a statement Thursday to "clarify" the comments, which were rebuked by columnists on both sides of the border and scorned on Twitter.

But his statement failed to soothe some on the social-networking website, who noted he opted to explain rather than back down from the comparison.

Ron MacLean THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Ron Maclean decides to defend instead of back off his ... ridiculous hyperbole. A stupid, disrespectful comparison but not malicious," tweeted Jason Pachkowski of Regina.

While he didn't retract the comments in the statement, he did elaborate on his thought process.

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Judge deemed crucial evidence inadmissible in Michael Rafferty trial

London, Ont. Jury sequestered in the trial of 8-year-old Tori Stafford's alleged murderer as laptop evidence comes to light

Warning: Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers.

Defence lawyer Dirk Derstein speaks to the media outside the court at a break in proceedings. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A laptop computer belonging to the man accused of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing Victoria Stafford was used to search online for "real underage rape" and "nude preteen" not long before the eight-year-old was abducted, court documents indicate.

But the jury in Michael Rafferty's trial — now sequestered and deciding his fate — doesn't know it, along with a number of other facts that the court deemed inadmissible.

The Crown contends Rafferty also downloaded "substantial" amounts of child pornography, and there was evidence of snuff films — movies depicting real killings — on his laptop. A woman he met online alleged that he drugged, choked and raped her. A litany of past dates reported he had a penchant for sexual choking. Some even complained of his "disconcerting" behaviour toward their children.

The jury doesn't know that, either.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney refused to allow evidence found on Rafferty's laptop and BlackBerry — the searches, the evidence of child porn and a downloaded movie about Karla Homolka — because the search violated Rafferty's charter rights.

When police legally searched Rafferty's car and found the two devices, they should have obtained another search warrant to examine their contents, Heeney ruled — even though at the time there was no binding authority upon them to do so.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

For continuing coverage of the Michael Rafferty trial, go to metronews.ca.

Hackers

Smartphones vulnerable: CSIS

Hand-held devices such as smartphones and tablets could be the next frontier for cyber-spies and other rogue players in the digital world, warns a newly declassified assessment from Canada's intelligence agency. Opportunities for malicious hackers are growing as computer systems move to handheld devices.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver

More charges in Stanley Cup riot

Six more people have been charged in last year's Stanley Cup riot in Vancouver, bringing the total number of people facing charges to 91.

The latest suspects are men and women from the Metro Vancouver region ranging in age from 19 to 33.

The charges were announced the same day as word came that a man charged in the riot earlier has opted to plead guilty.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Transit

Smoke bombs hit Montreal subway

A co-ordinated smoke-bomb attack crippled Montreal's subway system Thursday, cutting off service and creating a nightmarish morning commute.

Bombs were tossed onto the tracks during rush hour at three stations along the transit network that connects large swaths of the city.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Omnibus bill

Conservatives jumping hurdles to pass omnibus

The Harper government will have to scale potentially hundreds of procedural hurdles — erected by three different opposition parties — in order to secure passage of its massive budget-implementation bill.

The Conservatives' majority ensures the 400-plus-page bill will eventually win parliamentary approval.

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'Critical equipment shortfalls' for military in Arctic: Briefings

Prime Minister Stephen Harper bundles up in a parka as he tours Frobisher Bay in Iqaluit on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parkas

An earlier briefing note, dated Jan. 20, 2011, said a decision by National Defence headquarters to concentrate on buying combat coats and wind pants caused a shortage of parkas.

"To find they didn't have enough parkas, this is Canada for goodness sakes," said Rob Huebert of the University of Calgary.

The army was required to raid the air force's stock of olive drab jackets and insulated bib overalls. The supply had been rationed in late 2010.

Six years after the Harper government declared the Arctic to be a new operations area for the Canadian military, the army has struggled to find enough parkas, cold-weather tents, lanterns and heaters to equip forces that take part in its annual summer exercise.

The "critical equipment shortfalls" were so bad last year, the head of the army approved a request by area commanders to buy missing gear themselves, say internal briefing documents.

The briefings also show the army was worried about running out of parkas, and turned to the air force for help.

The army is "required to affirm national sovereignty and conduct patrolling and surveillance operations," said a May 26, 2011, briefing note for Lt.-Gen. Peter Delving, the country's top soldier.

The document was obtained by The Canadian Press under the federal access-to-information law.

The request to buy gear came from Land Forces Atlantic region units taking part in the annual Arctic exercise Operation Amok, which the Conservative government has used as a showcase for its northern ambitions.

"Although the (land force areas) have received some equipment critical to achieving (initial operating capability), their equipment lists are inadequate or incomplete, and some immediate purchases are required in order to ensure mobility, survivability and credibility within the context of Op Amok 11."

Specifically, the units needed tents, trailers for all-terrain vehicles, cooking stoves, storage containers, lanterns and heaters for multi-day patrols that take soldiers away from forward bases and deep into the barren wilderness.

The briefing warned that without the trailers for equipment, patrol ranges would be limited. It noted the shortages were nothing new in the annual marquee exercise, which has seen the prime minister, the defence minister and chief of defence staff drop in for high-profile photo-ops.

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Obama decided to back gay marriage before VP's remark

U.S. Biden says sorry to Obama for comments that led president to speed up his public acknowledgement of his support for same-sex unions: Source

U.S. President Barack Obama
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U.S. President Barack Obama says he'd already decided to come out for gay marriage before Vice-President Joe Biden publicly endorsed it.

Obama tells ABC in an interview that he wasn't worried about being upstaged by Biden on the volatile social issue.

However, at one point, Obama says, "Would I have preferred to have done this in my own way, in my own terms without, I think, there being a lot of notice to everybody? Sure."

But Obama quickly adds, "All's well that ends well."

He tells ABC's Robin Roberts that he "already made a decision to take this position" before Biden made his comments Sunday in response to a question in a nationally broadcast interview.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan endorsed gay marriage on Monday.

Obama says in Wednesday's interview — shown Thursday morning — he didn't revise his position as part of a re-election campaign ploy.

"It would be hard to argue that somehow this is something that I'd be doing for political advantage because, frankly, the politics, it's not clear how they're going to cut."

Several countries, mostly in Europe but also Canada, Argentina and South Africa, already allow gay marriage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Undulating blob is a type of jellyfish: Expert

Captured by a deep-sea camera, this shot of a large blob has spawned a week of what-the-heck-is-that Internet speculation. Guesses have run from a plastic bag, to a floating whale placenta — to a jellyfish. Writing on his Facebook page, Dr. Steven Haddock of JellyWatch.org identifies the creature as Deepstaria enigmatica, a jellyfish. It's not that rare, but this one is large and they're rarely seen intact. YOUTUBE.COM

45 people feared dead in crash of brand-new jet

The crash of a new, Russian-made jetliner into a jagged, Indonesian volcano during a flight to impress potential buyers threw doubt on dozens of plane sales Thursday.

The crash came just as Moscow seeks a comeback in foreign markets. All 45 people aboard were feared dead.

Search-and-rescue teams climbed through the mist-shrouded, jungly terrain for nearly 20 hours to reach the site where the plane roared in at nearly 800 km/h Wednesday, exploding and raining debris down a nearly vertical slope.

When the weather clears, bodies will have to be hoisted by nets and ropes onto hovering choppers, said a spokesman for the national search-and-rescue agency.

"We're still searching for survivors," he said. "But it doesn't look good."

The Sukhoi Superjet-100 — Russia's first new model of passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union two decades ago — was supposed to kick-start the nation's efforts to modernize its fleet and resurrect its neglected aerospace industry.

Indonesia, the fourth stop of a six-nation "Welcome Asia!" tour, was one of Sukhoi's brightest hopes, accounting for a big chunk of the 170 orders taken globally so far.

Russia jumped to the jet's defence Thursday.

"Pilot error was likely to blame," said Dmitry Rogozin, the deputy prime minister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PM leaves door open

Gay marriage in New Zealand?

New Zealand PM John Key has broken a silence on gay marriage and left the door open for making it legal. The opposition leader also expressed support. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bullying

Romney forcibly cut bangs of schoolmate

U.S. Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney admitted on Thursday he "did some dumb things" in high school. He issued a tepid apology over revelations he bullied and physically accosted a classmate who was presumed gay.

His remarks came in the wake of a Washington Post story that quotes several former Romney schoolmates as they recall the presidential wannabe holding down a classmate and forcibly cutting his blond bangs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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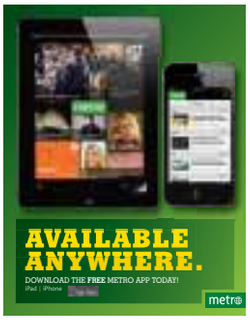

Women control family purse strings: Survey

Mother's Day. In 82 per cent of Canadian households, women are either the primary decision-maker or have equal responsibility for financial decisions

Men still make the most money in the average household, but it's women who control the purse strings.

While that's been acknowledged informally for some time in Canada, a new survey by the Bank of Montreal suggests there is no reason to doubt the truism.

In a report tied to Mother's Day, the bank says a recent survey of about 1,500 people shows that in 82 per cent of Canadian households, women are either the primary decision-maker or have equal responsibility for financial decisions.

"We can still say women earn less than men over their entire career ... but they do make around 80 per cent of the decisions around spending," said Tina Di Vito, head of BMO's retirement division.

"Even on things like the family car, women are very involved in selecting a car that is appropriate for their needs."

The BMO report, done in conjunction with Boston Consulting Group, shows women are also gaining financial power by virtue of their earnings and now control about one-third of all wealth in North America.

Still, the study released Thursday suggests women remain on average less confident than men about finances. Men are more likely than women to have investments and a financial plan, the bank said.

They also tend to be less prepared for retirement due to a variety of factors, including lower earnings, intermittent work histories and longer life spans.

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The climbing Corvette

Crews begin to remove the steel cage around a 2012 Corvette valued at $50,000 US, after they attached it to a pole 42 feet above Evansville, Ind., on Wednesday. Larry Bennett built the lot in 1970 where he first placed a brand-new orange Corvette as an ornament for the dealership's business sign. The business will offer up to 200 used vehicles at the location. JASON CLARK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Google. Bing builds search showcase for social media

Microsoft's Bing search engine is heading in a new direction as it drills deeper into Facebook's social network and Twitter's messaging service to showcase information unlikely to be found on Google.

The changes, unveiled Thursday, will reshape how Bing displays its search results. It represents Microsoft's most dramatic shift in Internet search since the software maker introduced Bing as a "decision engine" nearly three years ago.

Microsoft Corp. is counting on the new format to loosen Google's stranglehold on the lucrative Internet search market. In the process, Microsoft hopes to turn a profit in its online division, which has lost more than $6.3 billion US since Bing's June 2009 debut.

Bing replaced "Live Search," a mostly futile attempt to challenge Google. Microsoft touted Bing as a Google alternative that would provide more meaningful results by helping people make important decisions, such as picking a doctor and finding the best time to buy an airline ticket.

For the past two years, Bing has been taking advantage of Microsoft's close relationship with Facebook to make search results more personalized and more relevant to users. It's an advantage Bing has over Google because its rival is shut out from the personal data Microsoft has access to on the world's largest network. But Bing has failed to come up with an approach compelling enough to lure away most web surfers from Google. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LIST
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1 **Steve (GM) Nash:** Canada's men's national basketball team is in great hands after the announcement that two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash has been named general manager. What would make things even sweeter is if the Victoria native, who is a free agent this off-season, signs with the Toronto Raptors. Captain Canada, Captain Toronto.

2 **Walk a mile in her shoes:** This international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence gives men, women and families the opportunity to raise awareness in their communities about the impact of sexualized violence by walking in women's high-heeled shoes.
Join a walk in your community or start your own by visiting walkamileinhershoes.org.

3 **The Dictator:** Admiral General Shabazz Aladeen is a dictator from the Republic of Wadiya and appeared on the Today Show with Matt Lauer this week with a handful of guards, and made some threatening remarks. Luckily, Aladeen is actually actor Sacha Baron Cohen, who was promoting his new comedy The Dictator, which opens May 16. Go see it. It will be a riot.

4 **Emily is back:** Emily Maynard, whose romance with former bachelor Brad Womack did not work out after he proposed to her, is the new Bachelorette. It premieres May 14, and suitors include a data-destruction specialist — fitting for the show, perhaps, with its high percentage of failed romances. Heck, even its host Chris Harrison recently announced he's splitting from his wife.

5 **Mark Zuckerberg's b-day:** Billionaire boy Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook — one of the most powerful brands on the planet (and soon-to-go IPO) — turns the ripe old age of 28 this Sunday. Before he hits 30, I predict Zuckerberg will create a transporter that will beam us up to other planets. We can share those planetary pics on Facebook.

6 **Desperate Housewives finale:** The now iconic Wisteria Lane will be no more after this Sunday when Desperate Housewives bids adieu to fans in a two-hour finale. Many former cast members will be returning for this tear-fest. The only consolation is knowing that there are still so many real-life desperate housewives we can continue to gossip about.

7 **Klout:** Klout.com, a social app that measures your social-media reach, is all the talk right now with the cool kids. If you have a high "klout" score (the highest you can get is 100 — only Justin Bieber has that), the more influential you are online. I have no idea what my score is, but please follow me @neilmorton, tweet at me, and re-tweet my tweets and I won't be as scared to look.

8 **Chris Rumble:** This leukemia patient/young filmmaker/hero at Seattle Children's Hospital created an amazing video, Stronger: Seattle Children's Hospital, starring (and empowering) fellow cancer patients who are going through painful chemotherapy. Performed to Kelly Clarkson's song Stronger, the video has gone viral on YouTube this week. Brilliant.

9 **Copenhagen Philharmonic ... in the subway:** The Copenhagen Philharmonic Orchestra did a terrific flash mob in the Copenhagen Metro subway, and the video already has nearly a million views this week. With flash mobs becoming ubiquitous, I'm thinking of starting a 24-7 flash mob that never stops flash-mobbing in a grand social experiment. Watch out.

Prince weatherman

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It's reigning

Britons get a surprise on BBC

If this king thing doesn't work out, Prince Charles may be able to fall back on a budding career as a weatherman.

The heir to the British throne and his wife, Camilla, gave it a try Thursday, each reading out weather reports during a visit to BBC studios in Glasgow.

The sight of the nattily dressed Charles giving a credible performance in the unfamiliar role caused many Britons to do a double-take as he read the lunchtime news weather spot.

The prince delivered a nearly perfect performance.

Palace officials say Charles and Camilla were visiting the studios to mark the 60-year anniversary of BBC TV Scotland. The visit was also part of the pair's annual Holyrood week.

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Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, reads the weather on the BBC.
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Just kidding

"There's potential for a few flurries over Balmoral. Who the hell wrote this script?"

The heir to the throne ad-libbed while reading the afternoon weather report.

British actor Sacha Baron Cohen arrives for the world premiere of The Dictator on Thursday in London. JONATHAN SHORT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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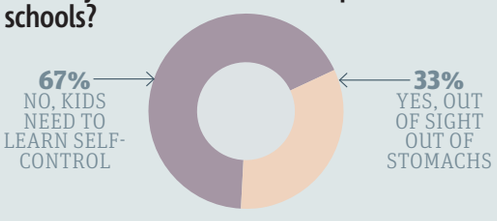

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@MarloBoux: <e-rage> Dear autocorrect; this might be news to you, but 'so' is an actual word. Quit 'correcting' it to DO. </e-rage>

@Chef_Rob: I think its official.... Its patio season in winnipeg. #pegcitylife

@nisseworks: Winnipeg has them, why can't we?' And so begins the casino debate. #bdnmb

@DerekAitken98: Wow, never realized Selanne is 42. Hope he comes back. It would be sweet to see him finish in Winnipeg, help the younger guys as well.

@thatgriffingirl: It's so freaking nice out in #Winnipeg today - 27 degrees - I declare today #NoPantsDay

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A little red ball can help change it all
Jumpstart

Will Prometheus live up to its artistic and creepy space opera potential? HANDOUT

The hot flicks of summer

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Preview. Crouse and Breslin share their picks for popcorn season — Prometheus and The Dark Knight Rises top the list

Richard: Mark, as summer movie titles go, Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter has to be the grabbiest. Either that or Piranha 3DD. Both sound like fun Saturday afternoon matinees, but for nighttime viewing I think I'm most looking forward to Prometheus, the sort-of prequel to Alien. It's Ridley Scott in sci-fi mode, which means we can expect an artistic and creepy space opera with cool effects and a face-hugger or two.

Mark: Yes, I'm looking forward to Prometheus as well. But am I foolish to secretly count down the days to Rock of Ages, the '80s hair-metal musical? I avoided the live show but the trailer looked like a hoot! C'mon, Richard — Tom Cruise in a blond shag rockin' out to Foreigner hits? The art of cinema just doesn't get any better!

RC: I hope Rock of Ages is as loud and proud as the music it covers. Forget 3D for this one, give me Odorama! I want to smell the gallons of Aqua Net it must have taken to give Alec Baldwin that hair! Also likely on the loud and proud side should be The Bourne Legacy. Jeremy Renner is stepping in for Matt Damon who made the character famous. Renner is all kinds of awesome, but let's see if he can duke out like Damon.

MB: Reboots make me nervous, Richard. They work too hard or not hard enough.

Synopsis

Everybody knows the official first day of summer is Wednesday June 20, but in movie theatres the silly season actually starts earlier. In fact, it began last weekend with the release of The Avengers, the boffo superhero movie that kicked off the balmy blockbuster season. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the superhero stories, remakes, reboots, reimaginings and more we'll be watching during air conditioner season.

Which brings us to Total Recall, one of my favourite dystopian sci-fi films. Will it be better than the Schwarzenegger version? Worse? Will Colin Farrell run for governor someday? Don't know, but I can't wait to see it. Also Ted, the talking, wisecracking, R-rated teddy bear movie. If this were not Seth Macfarlane's movie, I'd totally avoid it, but the trailer is hysterical!

RC: The red band trailer for Ted made me laugh harder than almost anything else I've seen this year. It'll be rude and crude, but I think Mark Wahlberg is an underrated comic actor, so I'm excited. I can't believe we've gotten to this point and haven't mentioned the caped elephant in the room, The Dark Knight Rises. I saw six minutes of this on an IMAX screen and it made my mind grapes tingle. And I cannot wait to see the rest.

MB: It will be the movie of the summer, the box office hit of the year, and turn Tom Hardy into a household name. I'll probably camp out in line the night before it opens.

2 SCENE

Celebrity buzz

Brand returns

Russell Brand is returning to the MTV stage. The 36-year-old comedian has signed on to host the 2012 MTV Movie Awards. "This MTV Movie Awards will be more impressive than The Avengers, and you won't have to wait an hour for someone to Hulk out," Brand said Thursday. After hosting MTV's Video Music Awards in 2008 and 2009, Brand took on leading roles in films such as Get Him to the Greek, Arthur and Rock of Ages, which hits theatres next month. This is his first time hosting the MTV Movie Awards

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GETTING IN THE GAME

CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART CHARITIES HAS HELPED MORE THAN 400,000 KIDS PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS

Jonathan Hood spends a lot of time telling young people about his own athletic journey. For the Hamilton Tiger-Cats defensive back, sharing the lessons he has learned with others is an important part of the job. "Sports can teach you how to win and lose gracefully and how to get along with other people," he says. "It can also teach you about teamwork, group dynamics and life skills."

When Hood isn't honing his own impressive football skills, he works as a public speaker, mentor and coach. He runs a camp in the off-season that teaches young players the fundamentals of football. He's involved with the GTA Youth Athletics Club and has spearheaded MPower, an organization that provides leadership skills and mentoring for at-risk youth. Plus, he speaks to high school students every chance he gets.

These days Hood is spreading his message about sport in another way, through his involvement with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. He's one of a number of elite Canadian athletes who have lent their names and images to a 12-month calendar that will raise funds for Canadian Tire Jumpstart's many sport and recreational programs.

The list of participants in the calendar is impressive. Four-time world figure-skating champion Kurt Browning, champion high jumper Nicole Forrester, Chicago Black Hawks star Jonathan Toews and hockey gold medallist Sami Jo Small were all chosen because of their continuing support for Canadian Tire Jumpstart.

Since 2005, Canadian Tire Jumpstart has helped more than 400,000 children participate in sports and recreation programs. But with one-third of Canadian families unable to enrol their children in sports programs because of cost, many kids are still missing out on the health benefits, self-esteem and camaraderie that participating in sports can offer.

Add to that the fact that budget cuts across the country mean less physical education and extracurricular activity in school. What's more, childhood obesity is dramatically on the rise, along with a general perception that neighbourhoods aren't safe places to play anymore.

Hood believes it's up to everyone in a community to do their part to support youth sports and activities. "You have to look at yourself," he says. "If you were coached and mentored when you were a kid, you are better off for it. Programs like Canadian Tire Jumpstart are opportunities to let young people achieve their dreams. We should all support that."

Jumpstart

JUMPSTART DAY IN MAY

On May 26, most Canadian Tire stores in Canada will host fun activities and draws to help raise money for their local community. Examples of this year's Jumpstart Day events include car washes, barbecues, draws and raffles.

Throughout May, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is asking Canadians to donate $2 for its popular red ball in one of two new designs (a basketball and a baseball) to support Jumpstart Day. The One Million Red Ball (OneMillionRedBalls.ca) campaign kicked off on May 4. Customers can pick up a ball at Canadian Tire stores and Gas+ locations, Mark's and Pita Pit locations.

"We're challenging Canadians to raise $1 million through the sale of the balls," says Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities president Dan Thompson.

KIDS GET A JUMPSTART ON SPORTS

Every child in Canada has the right to participate in sports and recreation activities, but many families can't afford the fees. Since Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities was established in 2005, it has helped more than 400,000 children aged four to 18 take part in such activities as swimming, dance, tae kwon do, soccer, basketball and learn-to-bike programs.

"We cover the cost of registration, equipment and/or transportation," says Dan Thompson, the president of Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. "We also lend support to unique community-based initiatives aimed at increasing access to sport and recreation programs."

More than 300 local chapters across the country partner with such community organizations as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, parks and recreation departments, sports associations — even the police. It means that Canadian Tire Jumpstart transforms not only a child's life, but also an entire community.

An incredible 100 per cent of customer donations go directly to help kids in financial need take part in organized sport and recreation. And any Canadian Tire Jumpstart fundraising done locally stays in that community.

Kids get so much more than the physical health benefits of exercise from playing sports or dancing. "They also gain self-confidence and learn leadership skills," says Thompson. "We want Canadians to try to imagine how different their lives might be now if they hadn't been able to do these activities when they were young."

Applications for assistance can be submitted from Jan. 15 to June 1 for spring/summer programs, and from July 1 to Nov. 1 for fall/winter programs. Applicants will be notified by their local Canadian Tire Jumpstart chapter representative if they've been approved or if more details are needed. All of the information is kept confidential.

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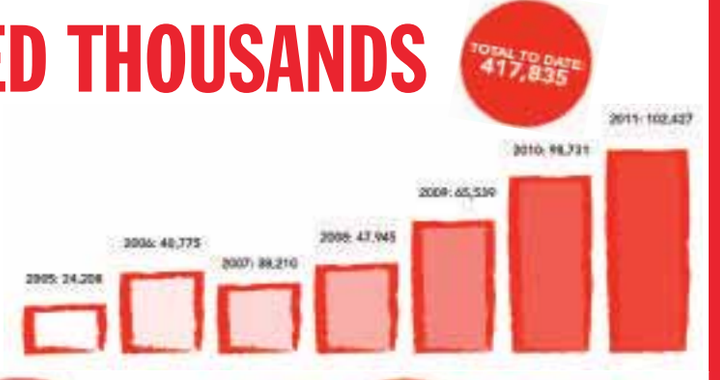

DANCING TEEN

By her own admission, Annagh Sieshinski lives to sing, dance and perform. The 14-year-old Brandon, Man., resident spends much of her spare time at Mecca Productions Performing and Theatre Arts Centre working on her acting chops.

Already a veteran of several Mecca productions, including The Wiz and the centre's recent production of Annie, Annagh also takes regular dance lessons. "I love to act, sing and dance," says the teen. "It let's me show who I am."

Annagh's dream is to someday attend the Julliard School for performing arts in New York. But times haven't been easy for the Sieshinski family. Annagh's mother, Michelle, is a single parent who has been battling cancer, and she wasn't sure how they were going to be able to afford to continue with her daughter's dance lessons.

"I heard about Canadian Tire Jumpstart and approached them to see if they would pay for the lessons," says Michelle. "They immediately offered to pay for them and for her dancing shoes."

The contribution meant a lot. "The Jumpstart program helped me continue to do what I love to do most," says Annagh. "Without their help, I would have quit dancing because my family couldn't afford it."

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Kingsley brings class to comedy

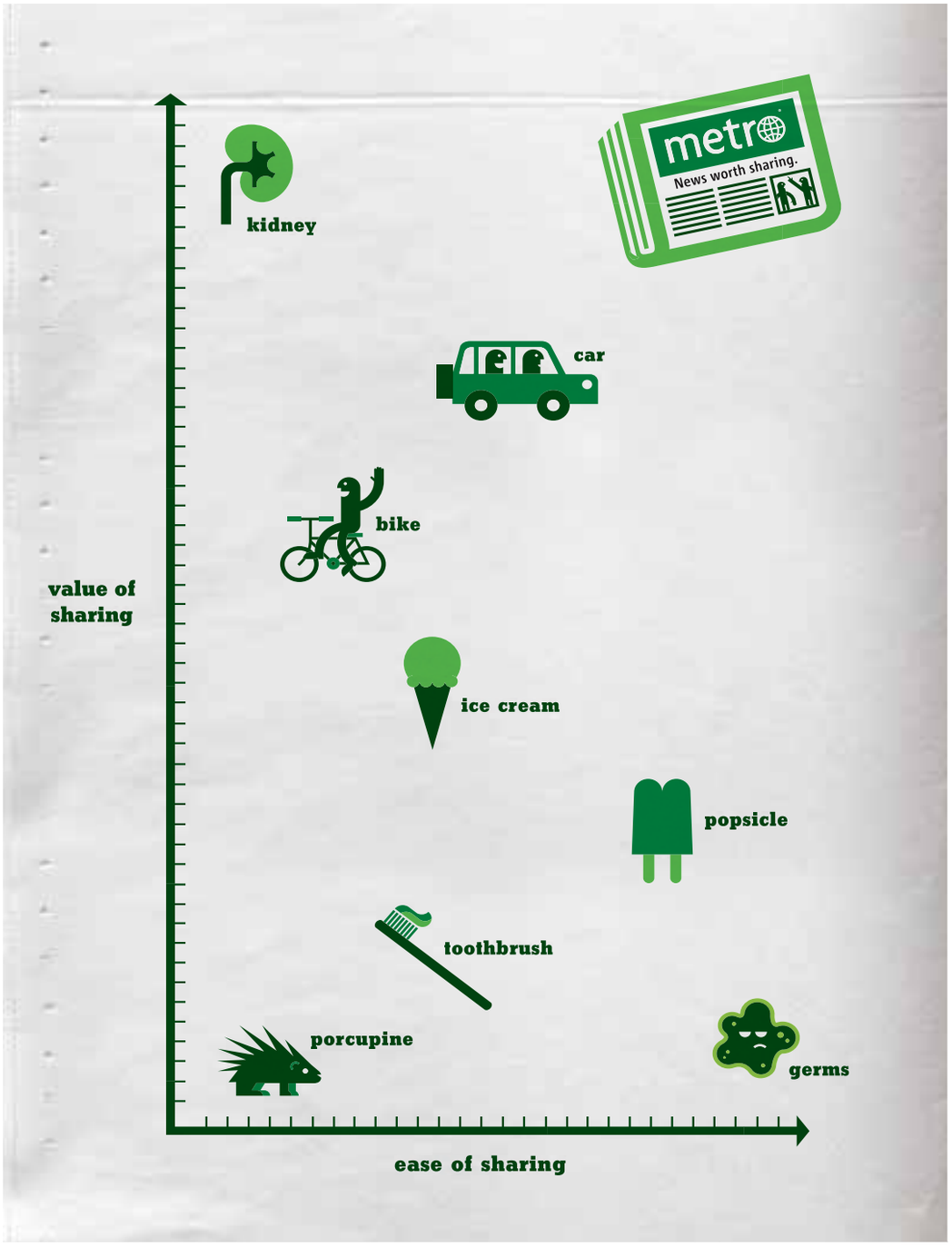
The Dictator. From Gandhi to General Aladeen's uncle — Kingsley is always up for a challenge

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

The man who played Gandhi has portrayed many other heavy characters throughout his long career, but a king of comedy he's never been. Sir Ben Kingsley is the first to own up to this. In the latest film from Sacha Baron Cohen, Sir Kingsley portrays the menacing uncle of Admiral General Aladeen (Cohen), the dictator of fictional African nation Wadiya. Though he's not dropping the one-liners the way Baron Cohen gets to, this English actor brings an air of sophistication to the film.

With any Sacha Baron Cohen project, the humour comes out of how truthful it is. What's the most important 'serious message' in the film?

I am hoping personally that it will reveal in people perhaps some hidden fears or prejudices. ... (Baron Cohen and his creative team) voice certain phobias, prejudices. … It might cause people to feel resentment, not offense, because Sacha's character is saying things that, if they said it, they would be arrested or lose their job, but they are capable of saying those things. I think that's where satire is really valuable. Those that are made to feel uncomfortable will feel resentful that in their enforced political correctness, they're not allowed to be anti-Semitic. 'Like, why can that f—ker up there say it and if I say it, I'll lose my job!'"



The Dictator opens next Wednesday. HANDOUT

Comedy

Dark Shadows

Director. Tim Burton

Stars. Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Eva Green

Watching Tim Burton's big budget cinematic relaunch of Dan Curtis' cult '60s daytime soap opera Dark Shadows is like being trapped in some sort of drug laced alternate universe … and that's a good thing. Burton casts his muse Johnny Depp as vampire Barnabas Collins, who is freed from his coffin in 1972 after being put there by his spurned lover centuries before. How he copes with a disenfranchised America and his ancestors is campy fun for sure. Outside of the surrealism, this is really just a soap opera after all. It's also one of the bravest, weirdest studio films this critic has ever seen.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Quoted

"[Alien] belongs at the top of about five different lists, including best thriller and best horror film, as well. Ridley Scott did so many things right here — from the grimy, lived-in world of the Nostromo mixed with H.R. Giger's eerily seductive design to the perfect cast and Sigourney Weaver's bad-ass performance. I also love the way Scott keeps the alien unseen for so much of the gut-churning build up, then delivers one of the most terrifying creatures ever seen on screen. I still can't watch this one after about 8 p.m."

The Avengers' Clark Gregg talking about his favourite science fiction movies of all time.

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The Avengers 2: The dream team

Who will appear in the sequel? We guess which characters, and the actors who should play them. Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, Hawkeye and Black Widow may have made an impressive roster in The Avengers, but there are more superheroes that are up to the task of saving Earth. In honour of The Avengers 2, announced this week, here are some other characters that have claimed affiliation with the Avengers at one point in Marvel's history. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Ant-Man

Powers
He can grow or shrink to any size. Also, he can control an army of ants telepathically.

Who should play him
Simon Pegg. He showed us he can play the nerdy mathematician role in Star Trek, which means he would probably make a good nerdy scientist.

Likelihood this is going to happen
There's already an Ant-Man movie in the works with director Edgar Wright penning the script alongside Joe Cornish. Seeing that Pegg and Wright are frequent collaborators, we think — well hope — we'll see this tiny crusader in the next giant blockbuster. Plus, he co-founded The Avengers team. He deserves a spot.

Venom

Powers
He's basically another version of Spider-Man — except super evil and much stronger.

Who should play him
Jason Statham. Definitely not Topher Grace.

Likelihood this is going to happen
Venom was already in Spider-Man 3, which was distributed by Sony, so the character faces the Wolverine dilemma. However, one could argue that this Venom is a technically different character, so who knows.

Wolverine

Powers
Besides his accelerated healing process, he's got an adamantium-bonded skeleton. Plus, you don't want to get in the way of his claws.

Who should play him
Hugh Jackman. He's the definitive Wolverine.

Likelihood this is going to happen
Sadly, because Wolverine has already starred in 20th Century Fox movies and the rights to that character is owned by the studio, it's unlikely that he'll be allowed to appear in a Disney/Paramount/Marvel property. But, one can dream.

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Bernie Finkelstein

Reflections on a life in indie music

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Bernie Finkelstein sounds relaxed over the phone from his getaway in Prince Edward County. Fruits of having sold his True North Records in late 2007? "A little bit," he says, "although it's more about more free time. I've gone from 21 acts to managing just one, plus I closed the office in Toronto."

Bernie is being asked to talk a lot about himself these days with the publication of his autobiography, True North: A Life in the Music Business which starts his time as an air force brat through all his years running one of the most important and most successful independent music labels in this country. True North also had interests in artist management, music publishing and concert promotion.

"I thought I'd better write down these memories so that maybe one day in the future when someone is researching the history of Canadian music, they can find my book on a dusty library shelf somewhere — if those things still exist — and use it to tell the story."

Bernie is concerned about Canadians' short memory when it comes to musical heritage. "Feist was not the first person to have a No. 1 hit on a Canadian independent label. Have we forgotten about what Sarah McLachlan did on Nettwerk?"

True North was founded in 1969, two years before Canadian content regulations went into effect. "You have to understand that back then there was no Canadian music industry. Starting a record label was a very risky thing to do."

Spektor's new album is full of surprises, even for her

Eclectic repertoire. Singer-songwriter says she forgets some of her old songs as she's busy making new ones

PAT HEALY
Metro News in Boston

Regina Spektor would really appreciate it if you could put your camera phone videos of her performances up online.

Not only do those videos help her remember how the new songs she is working out in concert go, but they also help her retrieve songs that she forgets how to play.

"In Florida I had to go online and go to YouTube and figure out the chords," she says of a song from her 2009 album, Far. "I've written so much stuff since then that I've pushed it out of my head."

And as far as the bootlegs of songs in progress go, she says if not for those phone videos, the songs Patron Saint and Open probably wouldn't have even made it onto her new album, What We Saw from the Cheap Seats.

Regina Spektor watches her own live performances online. GETTY

"I got lucky that it was up there, actually," she says.

It's hard to believe that the singer would forget the latter song, because its repetition of dramatic inhalation during the chorus seems so instantly memorable. But Spektor does a lot of memorable things to make listeners forget that for most of her album and her live performance it's just her voice and her piano. In the new song, "The Party" she purses her lips together to fake a trumpet part.

"When I wrote it, in my mind it was just a placeholder for a real trumpet," she says. "First of all, it's really fun to do; it's a fun feeling, like even walking around the house being a trumpet. If you bring things from their implied state to a real state, sometimes it becomes better and sometimes, I don't know ... you try to feel what's right for the song."

Spektor says her producer, Mike Elizondo, teased her that when she beatboxes she sounds like a drum machine from the 1980s.

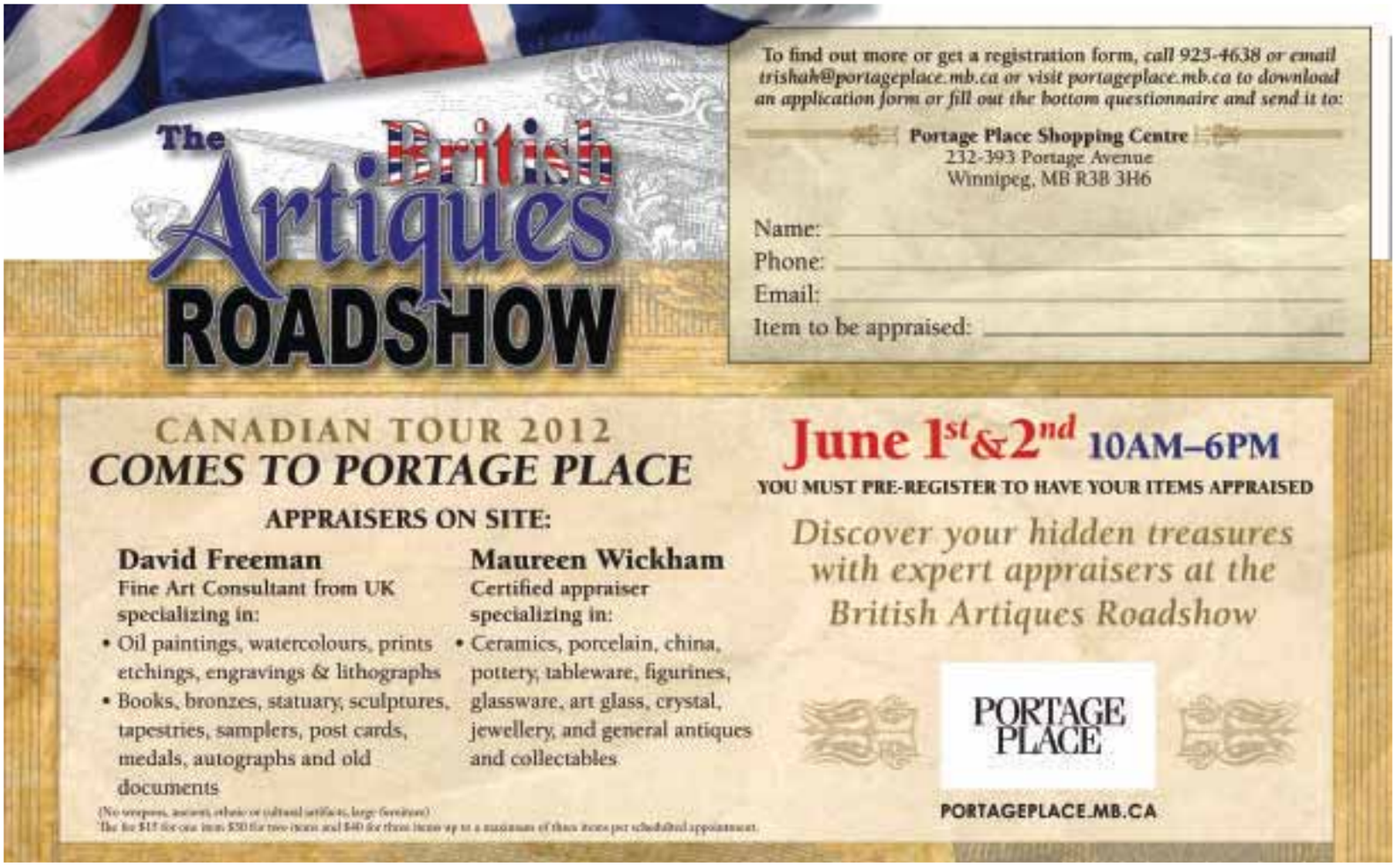
"I do a lot of things, like certain little beats and sounds, because I'm a person with a piano and that's it," she says.

Spektor has been touring with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers for the past few weeks, playing large venues that give the title of her upcoming album new meaning.

"I love Tom Petty so much that I didn't want to be the person that came and their audience didn't like," she says. "But everyone's been so amazing to me."

As for the Cheap Seats title, Spektor says it was in her head before she even knew what the album was going to sound like.

"I've been in all kind of seats," she says,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Anna Faris is preggers and already wants more?

Anna Faris and Chris Pratt are expecting their first child, according to People magazine.

The couple, who met on the set of Take Me Home Tonight and tied the knot in 2009, have been thinking about kids for a while — and this baby could be just the beginning, to hear Faris tell it.

"Chris wants a big family," Faris told E! News last year. "I would love to have eight. I don't think I could handle it, though."

Anna Faris and Chris Pratt

Robert Pattinson needs some encouragement

Robert Pattinson admits he's been doing a lot of growing up as an actor, and a good chunk of that came filming David Cronenberg's sex- and violence-filled Cosmopolis, the Twilight star tells Premiere magazine.

"Filming Cosmopolis with David changed something in me," he says. "It gave me balls." But before that, he had to conquer a certain measure of self-doubt: "I spent time doubting myself," he says.

"I was working myself up, asking myself if I was good enough." So how did he talk himself into it? "I tell myself, 'F– it! If they want to hire you, go!'"

Robert Pattinson

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When Kanye West and Kim Kardashian first stepped out together in March, we weren't too alarmed. Surely, these two would eventually find each other and combine their powers for some sunbathing-on-the-yacht photo ops. But now, it seems we could be dealing with something worse than staged summer love: the real deal.

"Kim and Kanye are 100 per cent having conversations about marriage," a source tells UsMagazine.com, adding that West had been interested "for a long time."

Another source — let's call this one Worst Source Ever — says Kim's on board: "They've been friends for years. Kim is ready to give it a try now."

Now, before we go all 2012 here, we really should mention that all of this was started by a quick couple lines West rapped in a new Pusha T song: "I saw you in the club in a white dress/Now I want to put you in a white dress." For all we know, he could just be talking about drugs here. Maybe sex. Possibly both. People who still go outside after 9 p.m. — tell us it will all be OK!

Joe Jonas: Fax me

Joe Jonas seems like a nice young man. Nice enough that we even kind of buy that he's doing Pepsi's Live for Now campaign for something other than the money.

"It's a cool way to be able to go to this platform and be able to check out different pop culture things that are going on," he told us this week while on a promotion tour in New York.

But, moving on, let's talk underwear and flirty faxes.

On his forward fans
"The boldest is probably throwing articles of underwear on stage. That has happened. And then I've had a fan once ask me to punch them, which I thought was crazy, and they were like, well because then, you know, I'll always remember it. I'm like, you know what, I really don't wanna do that. That was a female fan. I didn't hit her."

On getting a girl's attention
"I faxed somebody once. I was asking somebody on a date. I met her at a store and I sent her a fax that said, hey would you like to go out with me, here's my number. She faxed me back."

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY MEREDITH ENGEL

Is One Direction going in all different directions?

After their lightning-fast rise to fame, the boys of One Direction are already facing breakup rumors, with member Harry Styles' latest travel itinerary suggesting he's on the lookout for a solo career, according to the Daily Star.

"[Harry's] been offered a big solo project, so he flew out to Los Angeles without the rest of the boy band," a source says.

"He's been in America filming something. It may have been an advert or a film — I can't say exactly what — but it's worth a lot of money."

But a rep for the boy band is quick to quash the rumors, saying the trip wasn't for business at all.

"This report is false. Harry was on vacation in L.A.," their rep tells Hollyscoop.

Britney Spears to judge X Factor, says source

The deal is done: Britney Spears is reportedly joining the X Factor as a judge, joining executive producer Simon Cowell and L.A. Reid on the panel, according to E! News.

"There's been a lot of back and forth over the past few weeks as they negotiated the small details, but she's on," a source says. "It's all completed and Britney is beyond excited."

Spears will reportedly earn $15 million for her work on the show's second season, though it isn't clear if the deal extends beyond that. The deal now leaves one judge's chair empty on the singing competition's panel, with Miley Cyrus a rumoured frontrunner for the spot.

However, Hollywood Life reports that the former Hannah Montana star is being considered instead to replace host Steve Jones.

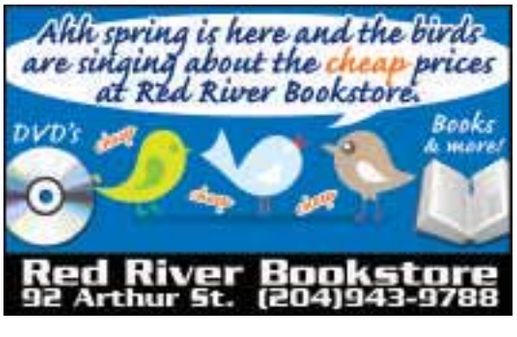
Twitter

@CraigyFerg
Sorry I haven't tweeted for a while - there was a new Angry Birds app.

@kirstiealley
coming out of my cocoon today....hope new wings take me where I want to go...they always have..;)

@ActuallyNPH
Yet another My Life Is Random moments: Oprah came over to our house today. I made her pizza.

@SarahKSilverman
I'm finding it hard to get sympathy with my I-pulled-a-muscle-on-a-zip-line story.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Liquid Assets

An easy-like-Sunday-morning sipper

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A reader sent me an e-mail last week asking if I could recommend a wine to go with breakfast in bed.

While he was looking to impress his wife on their upcoming anniversary, with Mother's Day this weekend I'm betting many of you guys out there will also be looking to score some bonus points Sunday morning.

Eclectic is the best way to describe a breakfast menu. The fun part is that any early morning tipple should be light, fresh and very easy-drinking — the same flavour profile that loves unusual eats.

Though the selection varies across the country, a white wine made with the moscato grape is a perfect early morning sipper.

Slightly sweet and low in alcohol, they're an a.m. friendly wine style gaining a solid following during the day as well.

I think sparkling when it comes to breakfast (or brunch) is best. Forget the orange juice and pick one with the union of fruit and wine already built in.

Chile's Fresita ($12.95 - $15.99) is infused with the essence of real strawberries. The result is a berry bomb that explodes in the mouth and will add plenty of refreshment to your Mother's Day.

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Classic treat will make mom smile on her day

Emily's Mom's Quick Cinnamon Buns.
Metro's food columnist shares a special treat from her childhood

DINNER EXPRESS
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With Mother's Day this Sunday, I've been thinking about my mom. My thoughts led me to a treat my mother used to make on the weekends or even during the week after dinner.

In an old notebook dating back to my high school days, I found the recipe for Mom's Cinnamon Buns.

These biscuit style cinnamon buns are perfect to enjoy with a cup of tea or coffee with mom or any special person on any day you want to sit back and chat about a memory or two.

They're best served warmed out of the oven or reheated in the microwave before serving.

This recipe makes nine buns. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter
- ½ cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar

Dough

- 2 cups (500 mL) all purpose flour
- 4 tsp (20 mL) baking powder
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) salt
- ½ cup (125 mL) lard or shortening
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) milk

Filling

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, very soft but not melted
- ½ cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 tsp (10 mL) ground cinnamon

1. In saucepan, melt butter and sugar, whisking over medium heat until smooth and combined. Pour into lightly sprayed 8 inch (2 L) baking dish; spread evenly across bottom; set aside.

2. Dough: In bowl, stir flour, baking powder and salt. Cut lard into flour using fingers until mix is crumbly looking. Drizzle in milk and stir using fork to combine. Bring dough together and knead gently on lightly floured surface to make smooth dough. Roll out dough on floured surface to make a 14-inch (35 cm) square.

3. Filling: In bowl, stir butter, sugar and cinnamon until very smooth. Spread evenly all over dough right to the edges. Roll up dough, jelly-roll style and pinch seam along edge. Cut log into 9 equal pieces and place into prepared baking dish.

4. Bake in centre of a 400 F (200 C) oven 25 mins or until golden brown and sauce is bubbly. Let stand for three minutes before turning out onto platter.

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Trends

Packaged Cold Cuts

Food companies looking to capitalize on consumers' increasingly sophisticated tastes are carving out new directions in lunch meat with upscale options that are pre-sliced, prepackaged and ready to go right alongside the bologna. Some prepackaged lunch meats now come in thicker slices, mirroring the choice at a traditional deli. Herbs and spices also are showing up in prepackaged products, boosting flavour and appeal. Meanwhile, producers have been cutting salt and removing artificial ingredients in response to customers' requests for a more natural product.

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On the web

Julia Child taught Americans to love food, and women to take pride in making it

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SPORTS

MLB

"It gives us a lot of confidence going back home. We won our last two at home, so we'll just try to go home and feed off our home crowd."

Los Angeles Clippers centre DeAndre Jordan. The stubborn Memphis Grizzlies aren't the only obstacles in the Los Angeles Clippers' path to closing out a rare playoff series victory. Blake Griffin and Chris Paul are banged up heading into Game 6, and Caron Butler continues to play with a broken left hand. The Clippers said Thursday that Griffin and Paul would be game-time decisions on Friday night, although the all-star duo figures to play with so much on the line.

Tennis

Nadal blue after 3rd-round loss

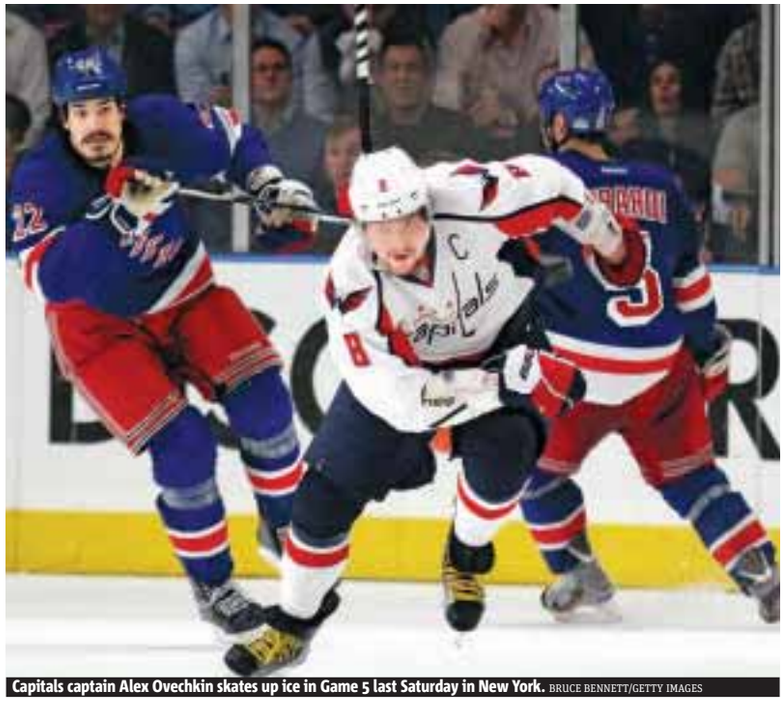
Rafael Nadal lost to Spanish countryman Fernando Verdasco for the first time in the Madrid Open on Thursday, then threatened, along with top-ranked Novak Djokovic, not to return if the new blue clay court wasn't discarded. Nadal blew a 5-2 lead in the third set in losing 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, his first defeat to Verdasco in 14 matches. The third-round loss was Nadal's earliest exit on clay since 2004. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

There was a point in Hayley Wickenheiser's life when she was consumed by hockey. But ever since Canada's all-time scoring leader adopted Noah, the son of her boyfriend 12 years ago, she says she became cured of "the disease of me." Scan the code for the story.

All bets are off back in the Big Apple

NHL. No clear-cut favourite in Capitals-Rangers Game 7 at Madison Square Garden



Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin skates up ice in Game 5 last Saturday in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Crunch the numbers, ride the waves of momentum, and then try to guess if the Washington Capitals or New York Rangers will survive another Game 7 and move on to the Eastern Conference finals.

Hockey analysts will make very compelling arguments — and leave anyone who is listening believing that both teams can't lose the win-or-go-home matchup on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

Ah yes, Madison Square Garden, the famed arena in which the host Rangers are 4-0 in Game 7s. It is also the place where the Rangers pulled out a Game 5 win in this series by scoring a power-play goal with 7.6 seconds left in regulation, and then another less than two minutes into overtime, turning what appeared to be a sure loss into one of the most electrifying victories in club history.

You know, the tide-turning win that the Capitals would never be able to bounce back from — even though they were heading home for Game 6. It didn't quite work out that way, and now it's the Rangers who will fight to make sure there is no carry-over in the other direction for Game 7.

"We can't let it," Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said. "We have to put this one behind us. We have to go in Saturday ready to play."

Whoever prevails will face the well-rested New Jersey Devils with a trip to the Stanley Cup finals on the line. The Rangers, eliminated from the playoffs by Washington in two of the previous three seasons, haven't been to the conference finals since 1997. That was three years after they won the cup for the first time in 54 years.

The Capitals have never won it all. They were swept in 1998 by Detroit in their only appearance in the cup finals and have been to the conference finals twice.

"It takes a lot of character to bounce back all the time," Capitals coach Dale Hunter said. "You're going to have your ups and downs, especially in the playoffs. We have a lot of character in that room."

Alex Ovechkin has been a symbol of that. He has dealt with limited ice time in the playoffs, but hasn't sulked. He had no shots in Game 5, and it appeared that perhaps he had been neutralized by New York.

Not so fast.

Just 1:28 into the Capitals' last stand at home Wednesday night, Ovechkin zipped a shot over goalie Henrik Lundqvist's suddenly susceptible glove to give Washington a power-play goal and a lead it would never give up in a 2-1 win that saved the season at least for two more days.

"Ovi has been good," Hunter said. "You see him blocking shots. He's dedicated to winning like the rest of he guys are. And doing the little things."

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Quoted

"We have to get together here and just play our absolute best hockey of the year."

Henrik Lundqvist, Rangers goaltender

NBA

Harden named best off the bench

Oklahoma City's James Harden was named the sixth man of the year Thursday.

Harden averaged a league-best 16.8 points off the bench on a career-best 49 per cent shooting this season.

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MLB

Yankees' Pettitte ready to 'get going'

Andy Pettitte pronounced himself ready to rejoin New York's rotation on Thursday.

"It's time now," he said Thursday. "It's time to get up here and get going."

The soon-to-be 40-year-old will get his chance Sunday when he starts against the Seattle Mariners.

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NHL

"This team, we've just started going where we want to go."

Anaheim head coach Bruce Boudreau, who was signed to a two-year contract extension by the Ducks on Thursday.

NHL

Gainey heading back to Texas

Bob Gainey is returning to the Dallas Stars as a senior advisor, the team announced Thursday.

Gainey was the general manager of the Stars when they won their only Stanley Cup in 1999.

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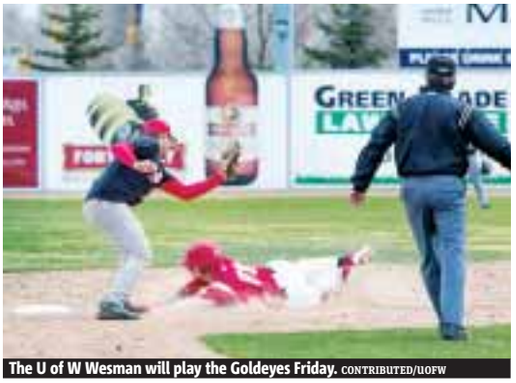
Baseball. Wesman to take on the Goldeyes in out-of-this-league game



The U of W Wesman will play the Goldeyes Friday. CONTRIBUTED/UOFW

The Winnipeg Goldeyes will play an exhibition game against the University of Winnipeg Wesmen baseball team Friday at 6 p.m. at Shaw Park and Goldeyes general manager Andrew Collier says the game is a good thing for both clubs.

"It's great exposure for the team and it gives them an opportunity to play against seasoned vets and pros and see how they stack up," said Collier.

"It's also good for us because it lets us get in another exhibition game before the regular season starts."

Wesmen coach Mike Krykewich said he knows his team will be in for a tough time against the Goldeyes, but anything can happen in the game of baseball.

"There is no question that the pro level is well above the college level, but baseball is a funny game," said Krykewich.

"Strange things happen. Unlike a game like football, physical strength doesn't always win."

Krykewich enjoys the partnership that the Wesmen and Goldeyes have created.

"We are extremely excited to have this relationship, and I enjoy the comfort level with Andrew Collier and the Goldeyes."

He is also excited for his players because their parents and family members will have a chance to watch them play against the pros.

"They get to sit up in the stands and watch their kids play against the Goldeyes. It is just going to be a really good night."

The game will feature rush seating and all tickets are only $5.

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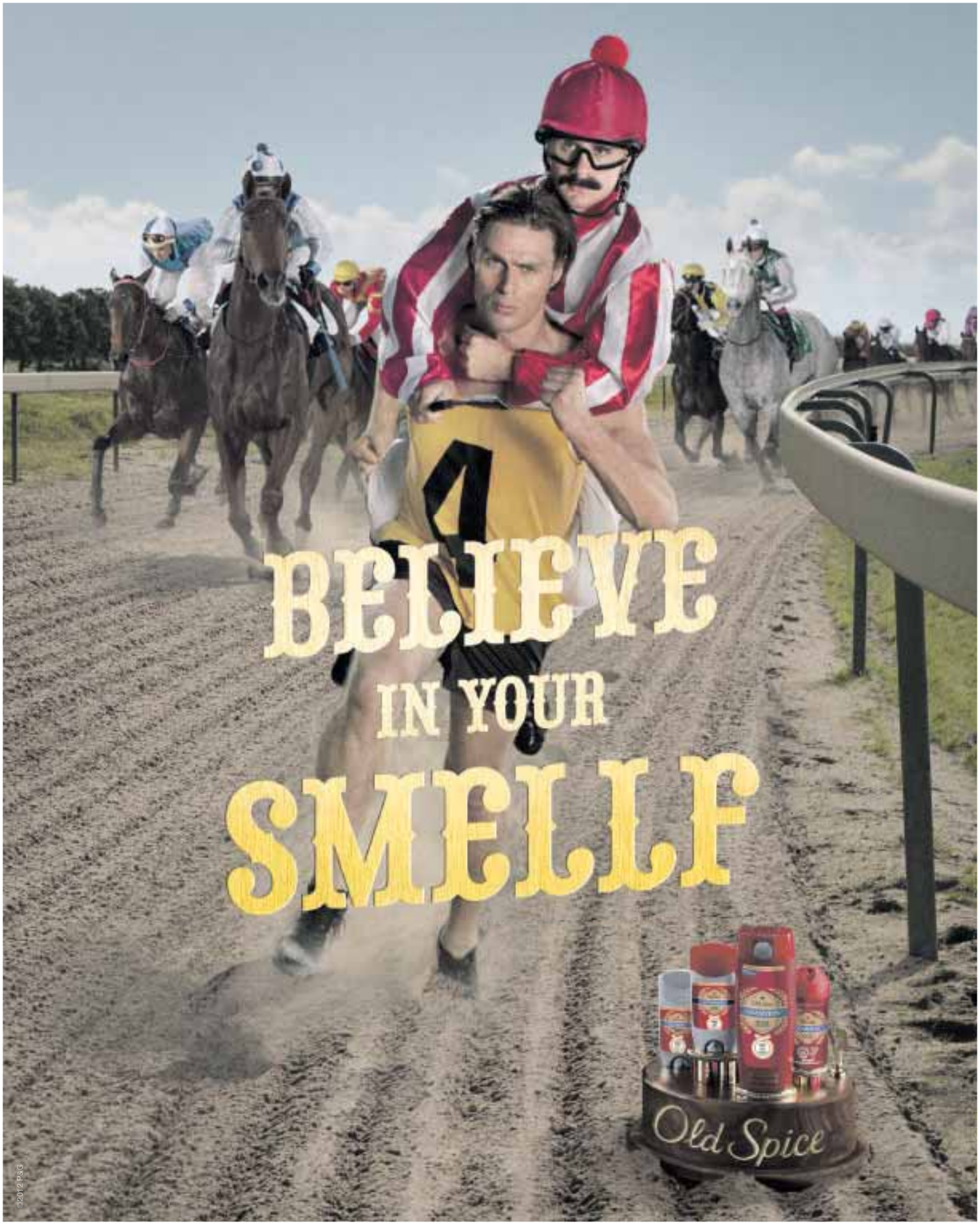
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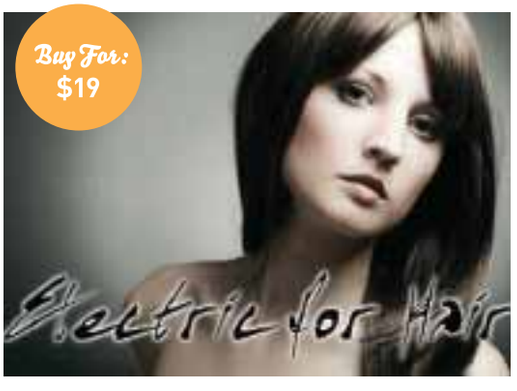

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IIHF. Canada gets ready to turn up the volume

Beware of the sleeping giant.

Canada's collection of NHL stars might never have been treated to more indifference at the IIHF World Hockey Championship than in the last week at Hartwall Arena, where locals have packed the building for games involving Finland and virtually ignored everything else.

The team hasn't even enjoyed its normal role as the anointed favourite of foreign reporters. That group seems far less interested in tracking Canadian players than normal, making for an unusually quiet start to a tournament that should have the volume turned up on it Friday night with a game against the host country.

"Maybe it's a good thing we're playing Finland," said Canadian coach Brent Sutter. "Obviously, it's a huge game. You're playing the team that's hosting the tournament and you know it's going to be a full house in here. We have to rise to the occasion and step up."

As Canadian players continue to repeat the mantra that guides them through every international hockey tournament — the need to get a little better every day — a game against Finland at this stage of the world championship offers the chance to prove that everything is heading in the right direction.

"It's going to be a big test for us," said captain Ryan Getzlaf.

One new element to deal with will be the presence of atmosphere around the game, something the Canadian team hasn't seen since a pair of exhibitions in Switzerland more than a week ago.

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Underdogs

Canada is partly responsible for its current underdog label.

- After making quarter-final exits at the last two tournaments and falling to fifth in the world rankings, the team has yet to turn in a statement performance in Helsinki.
- So far, it beat France handily, edged Slovakia and Switzerland by a goal and lost an entertaining back-and-forth overtime game to the United States.

76ers deliver coup de grace to Bulls

Elton Brand shoots over Carlos Boozer Thursday in Philadelphia. Andre Iguodala made the go-ahead free throws with 2.2 seconds left and the Philadelphia 76ers rallied for a 79-78 victory over the top-seeded Chicago Bulls in Game 6 on Thursday night, advancing to the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs for the first time since 2003. DREW HALLOWELL/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Celtics squeak past Hawks to reach the next round

Kevin Garnett had 28 points and 14 rebounds, hitting a jumper to give Boston the lead with 31 seconds left in Game 6 on Thursday night, and the Celtics beat the Atlanta Hawks 83-80 to win their first-round playoff series and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals for the fifth straight year.

The Celtics will play the Philadelphia 76ers, who eliminated East No. 1 seed Chicago in six games with a 79-78 victory earlier Thursday.

Paul Pierce had 18 points, seven assists and five rebounds for Boston despite playing with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

Josh Smith had 19 points and nine rebounds and Al Horford had 15 points and nine rebounds for Atlanta, which failed to advance in the playoffs for the first time in four years.

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8 Grand poetry
12 Singer Vikki
13 Conceit
14 Create
15 Lotion additive
16 "Moby-Dick" author
18 Art of growing dwarfed plants
20 Assistant who does errands
21 Wee
23 Before
24 Tunes
28 Engrave
31 Favorable vote
32 Very, in music
34 Pirouette pivot
35 Ties up the phone
37 Rapid decline
39 — -tzu
41 Of a specified type
42 Quantity
45 "Merci"
49 "The Velvet Fog"
51 Nevada city
52 "Survivor" setting
53 Rowing tool
54 Werewolf's inspiration
55 "— of Our Lives"
56 Moines lead-in
57 Picnic invaders

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2 Head light?
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5 NOW doctrine
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7 Mini mannequin?
8 One with a new homeland
9 South Carolina symbol
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33 Pruritus
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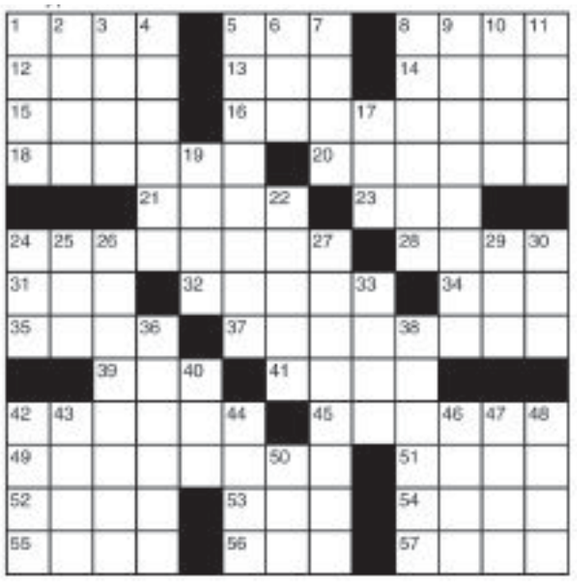

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	4	7	9	8	1	6	2	5
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7	2	8	1	4	3	5	6	3
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Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE HE CONTINUALLY EYEBALLS PEOPLE RUDELY, HE HAS EARNED THE NICKNAME "STARE MASTER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. Identify where savings can be made. Don't add to your financial problems by buying things you don't need.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. It may annoy you that someone needs convincing that you care for them. Make the effort. Say something nice. You'll be rewarded this weekend.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Your imagination will get a boost today but watch out it doesn't go too far and you start imagining things that are never going to happen.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have high expectations of yourself. You're going places, but keep your feet on the ground.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Common sense tells you to steer clear of other people's disputes, especially on the work front.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Do what you feel like doing today, not what other people say you should. You have an obligation to help, but you've done more than your share.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Someone thinks they can part you from your hard-earned cash by pretending they are in distress and only you can help them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. There are many people who expect something for nothing. They're unlikely to get it from you today.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You don't have to prove anything to anyone, not today nor any other day. Do what you feel is right.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Don't let others see that you are desperate to possess something or they will push up the price.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your ambitions are likely to clash with your personal commitments today — and it is your ambitions that must be favoured.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You won't be much in the mood for work today. Just be careful you don't overdo it. Travelling and socializing can be exhausting! **SALLY BROMPTON**

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